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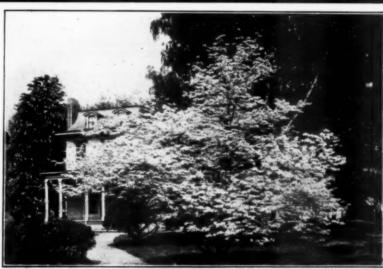
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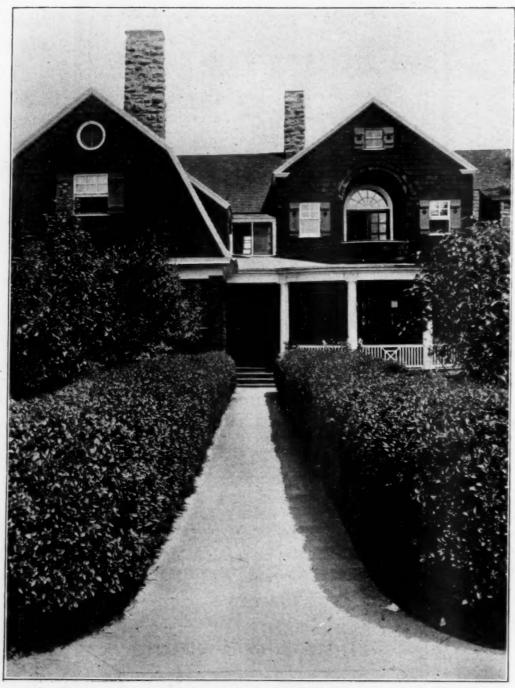


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ORNAMENTAL DOGWOODS By JOHN DUNBAR, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF ROCHESTER PARKS

A number of different species of dogwoods form an important feature in the woods, natural plantations, and copses of northeastern America, and the usefulness and beauty of many of them has long been recognized by nurserymen in the decoration of parks and gardens. A number of important species come from Europe and Asia, but with two or three exceptions they are rare in cultivation.

The different dogwoods combine many good characteristics. Most of them have showy flowers and handsome fruits, and the foliage of all of them is ample and attractive, and in many of them it assumes



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Flower of Cornus Florida

the most brilliant hues and colors in the fall. Some of them have distinctively showy colored bark, which in late winter or in early spring looks very conspicuous. They are perfectly hardy, easily transplanted, and the propagation of all of them is easily effected from seeds, and a number of them are multiplied readily from cut-tings or layers. In some instances the varieties have to be budded.

We will describe a few of the best species and varieties in about the succession in which they bloom.

The European Dogwood, which is commonly known under the popular name of Cornelian Cherry (Cornus mascula), on account of its large cherry-like fruits, is the earliest to bloom and flowers about the end of April and first of May. In a mild early spring it will be in bloom in the middle of April. The clusters of yellow blossoms on the naked branches look very attractive and cheerful in early spring. The large oblong shining red fruits which ripen in August and September are remarkably beautiful. It sometimes assumes the dimensions of a small tree, from 20 to 25 feet tall, with a wide-spreading top. There is a variegated form of this dogwood sold in some nurseries with silvery striated foliage which is a handsome subject in formal gardening.

The White-flowering Dogwood; Cornus florida; is one of the gems of our American woods. When a well developed individual is in full flower, displaying myriads of those showy white bracts which encircles each blossom, it looks surpassingly beautiful. In normal seasons it is usually in bloom from the 12th to the 15th of May. The clusters of bright red fruits look very showy in late fall, and persist until early winter, unless devoured by birds, which are fond of berries. The foliage assumes brilliant red coloring in the fall, and it deserves a place in ornamental grounds for its beautiful fall foliage, if for nothing else. There is a pendulous or weeping form of the White-flowering Dogwood which makes a handsome garden object. The red flowering variety sold under the name of rubra, with pinkish red blossoms is exceedingly beautiful in bloom. There is a good specimen of this in the grounds of Charles A. Green, nurseryman, Rochester, N. Y.

The Red Osier Dogwood; Cornus stolonifera; which is often found growing in rich damp soil, and along the banks of streams, with branching red stems from six to eight feet tall; although a common native, is nevertheless an excellent garden shrub. It produces numerous white flower clusters from the end of the branches and branchlets from May 20th to 25th, and throughout the summer. Towards the end of summer the clusters of white fruits, sometimes slightly tinged with blue, are attractive. The Red Osier Dogwood is particularly attractive in winter with its showy red bark. When the bushes attain some age the bark becomes gray or dull, it is then best to cut them down to the ground, when they will immediately send a mass of clean bright red stems, and look handsome for a number of years.

The Siberian Dogwood; Cornus alba; very much resembles the Red Osier Dogwood, and it is indeed difficult for experts to tell them apart. The variety of this dogwood known under the name of Sibirica, has bright coral red bark, and is beautifully conspicuous in winter. sima is another variety with attractive silvery variegated foliage, and excellent for formal gardens, which is sold in some Rochester nurseries.

The Alternate Dogwood; Cornus alternifolius; which is found growing in damp rich cool soil, produces its white flower

clusters about May 30th. The clusters of bright blue fruit ripens in August and September, and it often assumes a yellowish tinge in the process of ripening. This dogwood is readily distinguished and re-cognized from all the other American species by the branches disposed in flat tiers, which renders it highly characteristic and ornamental. It sometimes attains the height of a small tree, from 20 to 25

The Round-leaved Dogwood; Cornus circinata; a handsome shrub from six to ten feet tall, with distinctive, large, handsome, roundish leaves, usually grows in



Fruit of Cornus Florida

cool northerly exposures. The white flower clusters come into bloom about June 5th. The light bluish fruit which is never produced abundantly, but which is always borne in reddish stalks, forms a combination which is quite pretty. A good many nurserymen do not keep the Round-leaved Dogwood in stock. But it would seem well to do so, and press its claims before park authorities, many of whom appreciate its qualities highly.

The Panicled Dogwood; Cornus paniculata; which usually grows in exposed situations in rich soil, and forms large gregarious clumps, or colonies from six to eight feet tall, has noticeably bright gray attractive stems in winter. The elongated white flower clusters are produced from June 10th to 15th and are very attractive. The white fruit clusters ripen in Septem-This is a most desirable shrub for border plantation.

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Duty on Nursery Stock

That the nurserymen may understand the position of American Fruits on the tariff question as applied to nursery stock the editor takes the liberty of reprinting an editorial on this subject as prepared by him for The Post Express of Rochester, The editorial in full follows:

In their arguments before the ways and means committee of the house of representatives at Washington, members of the American Association of Nurserymen, asking for changes in the tariff schedule under which nursery stock is imported, struck a note that apparently has been overlooked by friends as well as opponents of the protective tariff. The nurserymen asked increased duty on certain trees and shrubs that foreigners might be prevented from shipping inferior stock into this country. In other words, the nurserymen seek to protect their own industry by protecting their customers from fraud and deception.

It is well known to those acquainted with the nursery business that no other line of commercial endeavor offers more opportunities for deception. There was a time, many years ago, when advantage was taken of this fact. The business fell into disrepute and the "tree agent" was classed among the gold brick swindlers. But this has passed away since the growth in strength and influence of the American Association and the result of the agitation and work of this organization has been to place-the business on a higher plane.

Under the present schedule the tariff on rose plants is 21/2 cents per plant. nurserymen ask that it be increased to 4 cents. This increase would scarcely affect the price of rose plants to purchasers, but it would insure them better stock in all grades. It was pointed out by the nurserymen, and their contention is upheld by florists, gardeners, and rose growers, that in Holland 80,000 plants can be produced to the acre. In this country but 18,000 can be grown. Those grown in Holland are woody; that is, coarse, and while produc-tive of large plants and much foliage, bring forth but few flowers. Again, the imported plants are not hardy and soon die as a result of the different climatic conditions to be found here. The American propagated plants are strong and hardy, productive of many flowers, and offer greater resistance to the onslaughts of insects and disease

When it came to the question of fruittree seedlings, the nurserymen asked for a specific duty instead of the present rate

which is a mixture of specific and ad valorem duties. An example cited is the duty on pear seedlings which are now admitted under a duty of \$1 per thousand plants and 15 per cent. on the value. The nurserymen ask that a specific duty of \$2 per thousand be substituted. This change would have the effect of admitting to the country only the highest grades of peartree seedlings and in a few years would make better orchards and improved fruit. This also applies to apple, quince, and St. Julien plum tree seedlings. A specific duty instead of a mixed duty is also asked conifera and deciduous trees and on shrubs.

The object of the specific duty is not so much to increase the duty as it is to protect the nurserymen from many annovances and great expense imposed upon them by the present law. The valuation of nursery stock is fixed by the government appraisers at the time of import. The stock is purchased months in advance by the nurserymen and they give as the valuation the price paid for the stock at the time it is purchased. If, under the present law, poor crops in Europe have resulted in a scarcity of stock at the time of importation, the appraisers fix the value as it appeals to them at that time. Should the nurserymen give a valuation lower than the one set by the appraisers they are subject to heavy penalties and fines which in turn compel them to increase the price to consumers to protect themselves from loss. On the other hand, if the crops are better than the average this causes a decrease in the market valuation at the time of importation and the nurserymen must pay the duty and then meet in competition inferior stock at ridiculously low prices, dumped into this country by foreigners. The honest nurseryman is caught no matter which way the tide runs. Added to this is the injury done the nursery industry when persons buying inferior stock fail to get good fruit or fine flowers. Persons so swindled place the blame on the shoulders of the American nurserymen instead of putting the burden on the foreign growers where it rightfully belongs. In the case of rhododendrons, tulips and many other plants that can be propagated better and cheaper in Europe than in America, the nurserymen ask that the tariff be removed entirely and such plants admitted free of duty.

The revision of the tariff along the lines suggested by the nurserymen would mean better ornamental trees for parks and private estates and improved fruit trees for the large orchard owners and the homekeeper who wishes one or two fruit-bearing trees in his back yard.

Worth While

We are going to consider editorially the new work just issued by George C. Roeding, president and manager of the Fancher Creek Nurseries, of Fresno, California. The Catalogue, or more properly speaking, the work of instruction, contains more than 100 pages, printed on good paper and finely illustrated. The cover is done in colors and bears the title, "California Hor-ticulture." In the first place the cover catches the eye and creates a desire on the part of the beholder to look farther. Inside the cover is found useful information about weights, shipping, packing charges and freight classification. Then follows a and freight classification. description of the Fancher Creek Nurseries that carries conviction and makes one anxious to see some of the stock propa-

gated by this firm. Then follows well written articles on "Time to Plant," "Selecting Nursery Stock," "How to Treat Nursery Stock When Received,"
"Number of Trees or Plants on an Acre,"
"Preparing Trees for Planting," "How
to Plant, "Bringing an Orchard or Vinevard into Bearing." All these subjects yard into Bearing. yard into Bearing." All these subjects are taken up in detail and written in clear, understandable English. By the time one has read these words of advice he is ready to buy stock. He turns over the page and is carried through page after page of in-teresting description of all kinds of stock, his interest and understanding being increased by the judicious use of fine engravings. Surely this is a work of which gravings. Mr. Roeding may well be proud and which every nurseryman should obtain for the lessons to be learned in its reading are without number.

New Fruit: Cucumber Orange

Gardner, Mass.-A New England man has procured a vegetable which is a cross between a cucumber and an orange. The new cucumber is fine grained, delicious in taste and of a perfect yellow color, and it was produced in crossing the blossom of a cucumber and an orange by Howard S. Hill of this town.

I had an orange and a cucumber one day and without thought mixed together some of the pulp of the two," tells Mr. "The product was mostly cucumber, but the orange gave it a most delectable

flavor.
"Instantly the idea came to mind to blend the two into one growth. Then I began my experiments. The first year the product of my cucumber vine changed slightly in color. The second year they took on the almost round shape of the orange. The third year the cucumber took the perfect round shape, the spines or little prickles dropped off and the cucumber had the unmistakable orange flavor. I picked the cucumber orange ten weeks after planting. From a single vine I had five perfect ones.

"The cucumber orange is of goodly size, even larger than an orange. On the inside of it nearest the skin it is mostly orange and has the little cells similar to that fruit. The center of the orange cucumber is the same as that of a cucumber, but the seeds are not like those of either an orange or

a cucumber. 'At the present time, at the end of the third year, I have upward of sixty seeds, and propose to plant all these when I put my next crop into the ground. I hope soon to raise seedless cucumber oranges.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

I note the absurd news report that a hybrid half orange and half eucumber has been grown. An "orange gourd," or Cucurbita foetidissima exists which it might be possible to cross fertilize' with the cucumber, since they belong to the same genus. But that the cross fertilization of two such distinct genera as Cucurbitacae, to which the cucumber belongs, and Rutacae, to which the orange allies itself-the one a tree growing to be even 500 years old and the other a trailing, short-lived annual, sometimes perennial-is beyond the skill of a Burbank or the dreams of a This is to say nothing, even, of the absurdity of the claim that the first inoculation influenced the shape, color and taste of the resultant fruit.

Garden City, N. Y. A. K. PETIT.

OF INTEREST TO THE TRADE

Tennessee Nurserymen

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 28.—The fourth annual convention of the Tennessee State Nurserymen's Association was held yesterday morning in the assembly hall of the Tulane Hotel. The opening and welcoming address was made by E. S. Shannon of the Nashville Board of Trade, who extended the courtesies of the city to the nurserymen. During the course of his remarks, he advocated development of better roads and river improvements which he said, were allied very closely with benefits derived from the Nurserymen's Association for the building of a bigger and better state. He urged planting of shade trees and said he was in favor of teaching the people of the state the value of beautifying the grounds surrounding their homes.

A. I. Smith of Knoxville, gave a most interesting talk on the topic, "Echoes from the Southern Nurserymen's meeting in Atlanta." A. J. Fletcher of Cleveland, spoke on "My Experience with Peaches in the Nursery and Orchard." W. W. Baird of Humboldt, and E. N. Chattin of Winchester, gave a very beneficial talk on the topic, "The Value of Carefully Packing Nursery Stock."

The following committees were appointed at the morning session and reported at the night session: Committee on resolutions, H. A. Morgan of Knoxville, Charles Pennington of Rutherford, and A. I. Smith of Knoxville; committee on nominations, R. A. Wilkes of Culleoka, J. L. Jones of Columbia, and W. H. Davis of Smithville; committee on auditing accounts, W. L. Smith of Linton, and Otto Henniger of Memphis.

Afternoon Session

The afternon session was opened with an address by A. J. Bryn of Sylvia, on the "Important Nursery Methods." This paper was followed by a lively discussion which was entered into by many members of the association.

A lecture was given on the "Peach Tree Borer," by E. C. Cotton of the Tennessee agricultural experiment station. Mr. Cotton described the latest improved methods of combating this most injurious of all peach insects. His talk was forcefully presented, and use was made of many interesting stereopticon slides.

This talk was followed by the report of the committee on resolutions, which was appointed at the morning session. Nine resolutions were submitted, all of which were accepted. The first commended the efforts of Commissioner of Agriculture J. W. Thompson to get horticulture and agriculture introduced as studies into the public schools. The second set forth the valuation of the horticultural interests of the state at \$10,000,000 and recommended that to foster the interests invested in orchards that state inspections of nurseries and orchards be made and demonstrations of the spraying of trees be given, and that the appropriation by the state legislature braised to \$5,000, to be given to the state board of entomology for use in the fight now being made against the enemies of the orchards.

Other resolutions were adopted thanking the management of the Tulane Hotel

for use of the assembly hall; Stark Bros. for the beautiful exhibit of apples displayed for the benefit of the members and other resolutions on various matters in regard to horticultural interests.

A practical demonstration of the use of spraying machinery was given in front of the Polk street entrance of the hotel by the International Harvesting Machine Co., showing both power and hand sprayers in action. After this display the meeting adjourned until 7:30 in the evening.

Night Session

The night session was taken up largely by reports of the committees on auditing and nominations. The former reported the books of the organization as being corMr. A, has a heavy surplus in some line, say silver maples. Perhaps the block is on rented ground and must be moved. He is anxious to save himself from loss, and sometimes is willing to dispose of them for the mere cost of digging and packing, being willing to lose cost of growing profits, etc., in order to save himself the further loss of digging. Mr. B is in the same condition on three-year apple; C on plum; D on pear; E on peach, and so on through the entire list. Their ads. may state their extremity and willingness to sell at a bargain, bringing them all of the inquiry that a priced ad. would without carrying the odium that "cheap prices means cheap stock," a statement too often verified in experience as all nurserymen perhaps



Photo by N. R. Graves

Cornus Sanguiner-English Dogwood

rectly kept and all of the reports of the secretary as being satisfactory.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, J. C. Hale of Winchester, to succeed F. G. McCord of Nashville; W. Y. C. Grant of Columbia, was elected vice-president, and G. M. Bentley of Knoxville, was re-elected secretary and treasurer. An interesting talk on "Some of Tennessee's Greatest Needs" was made by J. L. Jones of Columbia, after which a general discussion of the subject was entered into by the members. Following this discussion the meeting adjourned to meet again the last week of January, 1910.

More About Prices

Editor AMERICAN FRUITS:

Just came across your inquiry in January issue as to why prices should not be printed in advertisements of nursery stock.

We are very pronounced in our opinion as to why the attaching of prices to such ads. is very demoralizing to the trade. If prices are attached there are always "leeches" who have access to wholesale ads., but are in no way entitled to wholesale prices, who order stock, expecting same to be packed free and in some cases insist on having carriage paid because "so and so" pays the freight on his (retail) sales. This one item is very annoying. Different classes of buyers are entitled to and deserve different prices. All nurserymen see the justice of this.

Then again: One brother nurseryman,

know to their sorrow, at the same time injuring no one else.

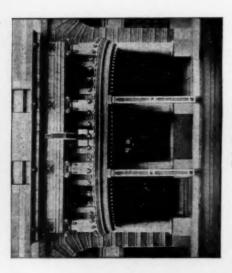
What do these priced ads. mean to all other nurserymen? Of course, nine-tenths of all priced ads. are for stock offered below the regular market price. Some of them as above mentioned at one-half the cost of growing and digging. Mr. Buyer sees these ads. and, while he does not want to buy of the cheap man for fear of cheap stock, uses his prices as a club to hammer down all others' quotations, and usually with a considerable degree of success. Besides, other advertisers, seeing these low prices quoted, get scared at the prospects —for we all recognize that our wares must be disposed of while of a marketable size -goes to cutting and slashing his prices which his better judgment says he should have, and finally the most resolute must bow to the inevitable, cut his prices or keep his stock.

No, we think prices on nursery stock are now as low as it can possibly be sold to leave a margin to the grower and are opposed to any measure tending to the ruinous prices of the "ninties." We have had our experience with the priced ads.

and know the results.

The unpriced ad., if well written, will mean almost, if not quite, as much to the man in desperation to dispose of certain blocks, perhaps even more; to all others, immensely more. Let us not take a step backwards. HOPEDALE NURSERIES,

Hopedale, Ill., Feb. 2, '09. J. W. Griesemer.



Main Entrang

ing country. It is in the midst of the retail and wholesale district. The interurban cars pass the entrance, and all stations are reached either by direct trolley the leading play house, is next door south quarters of the American Association at its convention in Rochester, N. Y., next June, is situated on Clinton avenue south near Main street. It occupies one of the finest and most central sites of any building in the city and commands a picturesque view of Rochester and the surroundservice or transfer. The Lyceum Theater, Hotel Seneca, designated as the headof the hotel.

and embodies the latest ideas in massive hotel construction. The materials used in building are steel, brick, concrete, marble advance in hotel design, and is one of the best buildings of its kind in the country. The architecture is modern in every detail, an It is absolutely fire proof. This hotel marks the beginning of and bronze.

Hotel Seneca is one of the new Twentieth Century structures. It is ten stories with every convenience. From the basedetail has been carefully worked out in high and contains three hundred and fifty large, airy rooms luxuriously furnished ment to the electric sign on the roof, every perfect harmony.

The entire lobby is finished in a modern rendering of the French Renaissance style.

Hotel Seneca

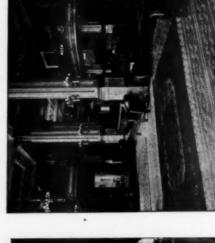
Views and Pen Picture of Hostelry at Rochester, N. Y., Where American Association of Nurserymen Will Make Its Headquarters When in Annual Convention Next June.

portieres are of forest green velour with valance, bearing the Seneca coat-of-arms cuted by Egli, the renowned artist, and are on gold foundations. On the south side of the room is an elaborately carved mantel with green marble facing. The in illuminated Spanish leather.

tecture of the days of Caesar. The mosaic with the walls and ceilings decorated in beautiful tones of red, blue, gold, green and black, carry out the color scheme of floor in Greek effect, together with the bay one which has no counterpart in windows of Greek design on the south, The most unique feature of this hotel, is the Pompeian dining room, which is strongly suggestive of the archi-America,

dining rooms open from the ball room. The whole second floor is carefully ar-Private ranged for convention and reception purwith the Seneca coat-of-arms.

mahogany in Colonial, Louis XV., Louis XVI. and Old English design. As there The sleeping apartments are finished in Some of the bedrooms are fitted with brass bedsteads, while others have walnut and are no other high buildings in close proxwhite enamel with tightly fitted mahogany double doors with tub or shower baths. imity, day light, pure air and perfect ventilation is evidenced in every nook and Telephone connections in every corner of this hostelry.



Lobby, Showing Part of the Mezzanine Floor

ations of the Hotel Seneca are not an arthe usages and traditions of the The armorial device and symbolic decorrangement of arbitrary forms, but follow Seneca Indians after which tribe the hotel has been named.

The coat-of-arms and motto which have been included in some of the wall decorations, and used further on the house stationery and in marking the linen, china, etc., carries with it that part of the Indian tradition which loads itself most naturally to hereful



it was the adjective he received not the asked what it was, but his reply "wampum" stood for "saered." n other words,

occasional passage to his hands has no sacred tokens has always rendered them very attractive to the traveller, and their doubt given rise to the belief that wampum The beautiful workmanship of these means money.

The streamer which bears the motto is of the great hill." This designation was Living, as they did, in the more or less tree, and converted these mounds into dwellings which were guarded by braves placed as sentinels on two sides, as shown The same records show the medicine man on the top view was more extended and his high rank a beaded belt and the motto itself is Nun-Do-Wah-O-Noh, which means "the people peculiar form of their earliest dwellings. unbroken plane of the valley, they threw up mounds of earth about the occasional given the Seneca tribe because of in ancient records of the tribe. of the mound or "great hill" shown by his exalted position.

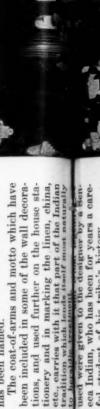
Where the coat-of-arms appears on the background represents one of the most net curtains at the windows, the diapered typical Seneca arrow-heads, whilst the



Grill Room

walls and ceilings are finished in Caen stone and the lion's head is of bronze. the Pompeian period. The bases, columns,

senting the kitchen, the refectory and the The bar and buffet is finished in mahog-Three immense panels in oil reprebrewery in an old monastery, decorate the walls directly back of the bar. The men's grill room in connection with the buffet is decidedly medieval. The Gothic ceiling gives the impression of a streng want with its timeworn and mosey paintings which take one back to the days of chivalry. The furniture is of Old Eng-





Pompelan Room

French marble wainscoting meets the level of the eye, while the wall panels are colored in oxidized green and gold, with ceilings suggestive of Spanish leather, and the cornices and embellishments in old ivory. Tiffany glass windows of Renaissance design afford a pleasant relation to all of the interior decorations. The main offices, news stands and cigar stands are of mahogany resting on marble foundations. The railings which encircle the mezzanine floor and the stairway are of antique Japanese bronze. The furniture is mahogany upholstered in Spanish leather.

The main entrance to the hotel is on Clinton avenue south, and to the lobby from Seneca place, a private street running from Clinton avenue to Cortland street. A porte-cochere affords protection to those alighting from carriages in inclement weather, a convenience possessed by but few hotels.

A delightful feature of this hostelry is the elaborate dining room—done in another rendering of the French Renaissance style. Its massive columns, cabinet work and furniture are of richly finished mahogany. The ceiling is of old gold, and the cornices are finished in the various tones of old ivory and onyx. The magnificent glass effects were perfected by Tiffany of New York. Three mural paintings depicting Italian garden scenes are in harmony with the general effect. These were execused.



One of the Bedrooms

the buffet is decidedly medieval. The glothic celling gives the impression of a stone vault with its timeworn and mossy paintings which take one back to the days of chivalry. The furniture is of Old English oak. The Gothic curtain hangings are in keeping with the tone of the surroundings. A chef of acknowledged superiority has charge of the preparation of all edibles served. The larder contains at all times every delicacy of the season.

Another architectural feature of importance which facilitates the service is the location of the kitchen on the same floor as the dining rooms.

In the northeast corner of the building, adjoining the buffet and grill room, is the billiard parlor. This room contains eight



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specially built tables furnished with the best possible accessories.

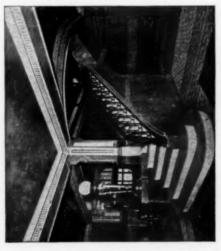
green carpeting. Golden brown hangings library is also appropriately furnished and affords delightful surroundings for women who wish to while away an dining rooms and Pompeian rooms are one of the largest in the world. It has a a ladies' parlor and library in the west nished with Circassian walnut in Louis holstered furniture with rich gold and From the library, the lobby, men's writing room in the east end, and The ladies' parlor is elaborately fur-XVI. design, blue hangings and blue up-The mezzanine floor overlooking the grand lobby, is an exceedingly fine one and blend well with the other effects. plainly visible. idle hour. ladies end.

The ball room is on the second floor and is 47x131 feet. As a banquet or convention hall it will seat about one thousand people. It is furnished in white and gray with Crystal electroliers and large mirrors. Rose Du Barry silk damask hangings and silk velour portieres form a pleasant contrast. The large panels are embroidered trast.

tionery and in marking the linen, china, etc., carries with it that part of the Indian tradition which londs itself most naturally used were given to the designer by a Seneral Indian, who has been for years a careful student of his tribe's history.

In the place of the conventional shield or cartouche employed in heraldry, the pelt of an animal appears bearing four animals and four birds, representing the animal and bird "houses" or branches of the governing bodies and answering to the two houses found in the governing bodies of eivilized nations.

In the case of the Senecas, the animals were the deer, the wolf, the bear, and the beaver, and the birds were the heron, the loon, the duck and the snipe. The crest



Main Stairway

shows two la crosse sticks, emblems of the game in which, as a tribe, the Senecas were supposed to be practically invincible. Surmounting which is the victor's cap with its cockade and single hawk's feather. The possession of which was at all times eagerly sought and its perpetuation in the tribe's symbolism is found on records from remote times.

Seneca stood for strength. A bow or a boat was said to be Seneca. The oak leaf in the mural decorations of the halls of the Seneca stand for this strength. The five pointed star below the shield represents the five nations, one of which was the Seneca tribe. This star was usually formed of a piece of colored shell or polished bone and imbedded in a disc of silver and was held to possess a talismanic power, becoming a treasure to be passed down from father to son and guarded carefully for its power as a talisman.

The decorative chains typify the wampum which, contrary to popular belief, was not a form of money, but another talisman. The Indian found with this belt or string of shells, pebbles, polished bones, etc., was



Ladies' Restaurant

border shows an arrangement of the wampum" stood for "sacred." In other words,

The appropriateness of this symbolic perpetuation of the traditions of the famous Senecas will impress all who pause to consider that in all probability the "People of the Great Hill" had their primitive abodes on the very land now occupied by the luxurious Hotel Seneca.

Ornamental Dogwoods

(Continued from page 9)

the bushes become old and gnarled, and the branches lose their color, they should be This may make a temporary break in a shrub border, but with cultivation and The branches and stems cut close down to the ground, when they will renew their youth with fresh beauty. The Silky-leaved Dogwood: Cornus amomund; is about the latest of the native clusters of deep blue fruits are very ornaare dull purplish red and have an ornashould receive the same treatment as the dogwoods to flower, and usually comes inmental and conspicuous in September and fertilization the breach will soon be filled mental value in a winter landscape. Red Osier Dogwood, that is, when to bloom from June 15th to 20th. first of October.



A Corner of Mezzanine Floor

SCRAPS FROM MY NOTE BOOK

By JNO. S. KERE

This month Mr. Kerr contributes an ticle on "The Elevated Plateau of article the Middle Southwest." The immensity of the area of the United States with her great diversity and the richness of her soils, the breadth of her longitude and latitude, her wonderful topo-graphy, comprising lofty mountain ranges, sheltered, verdant valleys, coastwise balmy plains, her life-giving streams, her altitudes and her depressions, all conspire to make up a most comprehensive, interesting and valuable flora; and in no feature is this more apparent or important than in the pomological sections of her illimitable natural resources. The American Pomological Society in all the valuable service it has rendered our country, reared a great monument to mark her great strides of far reaching usefulness in the making and publishing in her report of 1899 of "The Revised Catalog of Fruits," "Recommended for Cultivation in Various Sections of the United States and the British Provinces.

It is not our purpose to note the nineteen pomological sections outlined from Maine to California and from the Dakotas to Texas, but only a small, and until recently little known, part clustering about the Pecos and the Rio Grande valleys of Texas and New Mexico. By reference to a map, the great elevated plateau falling largely in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico, and more accurately referred to as sections 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the pomological districts as outlined in the map of the pomological catalogue referred to. If you consider the great altitude of this section ranging from 2,000 feet in the valleys to 8,000 feet elevation on the mountains, even more, the arid and bleak mountain sides, many of them covered with perpetual snow, the deep, sheltered, rich, well watered valleys teeming with verdure, you will be enabled better to comprehend the great diversity of natural products and the great possibilities in the evolution of a new and heretofore incomprehensible horticulture.

At some future time we hope to speak especially of that part of this belt clustering around Grand Junction, Col., and other similar sections of the middle west where \$3 lands are transferred into orchards worth and selling for \$2,000 and more per acre, based on the handsome returns they make, but for this time we beg to call attention mainly to the Pecos Valley and surrounding country which section we, for our purposes in this connection, will denominate: The Elevated Plateau of the Middle Southwest.

The lower Rio Grande Valley, as we saw in our former communication, is a rich semi-tropic, semi-arid section with rich soil, responding wonderfully to irrigation husbandry. From Del Rio, Tex., northward, lying along the Pecos Valley (pronounced Pacos) to about Santa Rosa, New Mexico, but more especially that part from Pecos City to Roswell, is the center of our present consideration. From Del Rio to near Pecos is still largely covered by stock ranches, but from Grand Falls, below Pecos, to above Roswell, the ranchman's sway has been superseded by the irrigation farmer, with his alfalfa-fed, blooded

cattle and horses and hogs, and his orchards of peaches, prunes (Prunus Domestica) his unsurpassed apples, his European pears and his vinifera, or so-called California grapes.

The soil of the valleys of the Pecos and the many other streams tributary to it, is a rich alluvium, for the most part a heavy adobe silt deposit during ages past; further back from the streams it is of a lighter loam, disintegrations evidently of the limestone formations during ages past, all rich in the elements of plant food and responding bountifully to the application of the arts of agriculture and of water. There are millions of acres of these rich lands.

The water for irrigation is obtained

you will be charmed by the clean, clear complexion and the peculiarly bright colors of the skin.

To tell of the many princely orchards and vineyards of this section and of the almost fabulous crops they are producing and the returns therefrom, of the waving alfalfa fields and the fine shorthorn cattle and the premiums they have won at the Chicago, Kansas City and Fort Worth fat stock shows, of the thrift, prosperity and contentment of the people, of the twice a month train and double train excursions of home seekers and investors constantly going into this country, would make a story more like fiction than like fact. Really the fierce and successful battle of



A Texas Pear Orchard

largely from the Pecos river and its tributaries by the gravity process, of dams and ditches. Immense springs of water flow out of the ground in the midst of the prairies which are caught in the irrigation ditches and conveyed away to the farms and orchards, many of the streams flowing full sized creeks from these wonderful springs.

Artesian wells at a depth of 200 to 500 feet with a strong flow of pure water suitable for crops are found over a large part of these valleys, and furnish a fine supply of irrigating water. The rainfall of this section is about twenty inches annually, so that only partial irrigation is necessary.

The climate is mild and pleasant, the thermometer ranging in rare cases of ten degrees above to sixty above in winter, and from fifty to ninety in summer. The nights are always cool in summer, scarcely a night that the sleeper does not need a blanket for comfort, while the days in summer are rather warm, but always tempered by an invigorating breeze. The air is exceedingly pure and bracing. In the language of Col. Parker Earle of Roswell, In the "God has winnowed the atmosphere of every vestige of fungus and of bacterial so there is perfect freedom from malaria, and perfect immunity from pear blight, grape mildew or black rot, apple scab, twig blight, blackberry rust and the great train of bacterial and fungus troubles incident to the lower and moister sections. If you will but examine the fruit that comes from these elevated districts,

the Texas ranger and the ranchman with the native Indian some thirty to fifty years ago, and the reign of the cowboy from the '70s to the close of the '80s, has furnished theme most entrancing for story and song of most facile writers, yet the most marvelous history is that of the reclamation work of the engineer, the man with the hoe, the stock farmer, the orchardist, the vineyardist, the homebuilder and the civilian, and we would not fail to recognize the railroad builder and the real estate promoter in this transformation.

The secretaries of commercial clubs of the many new and enterprising towns in this section may be depended upon to verify the facts if asked to. "Southwestern Horticulture," 64 pages, may be had by request of Texas Nursery Co., Sherman,

Strawberry Plants Scarce

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 16.—Where to get their strawberry plants this year is a question that is bothering the Scott county fruit growers somewhat. At the meeting of the association the question of co-operation in buying was discussed, and it was practically determined to buy together from a Missouri firm which does a wholesale business in this line. Last year this company is said to have sold 29,000,000 plants, where this year it has but 6,000,000 with which to meet the demand. Plants are understood to be proportionately short all over the country, owing to the dry weather last summer.

COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Free Trees

The following correspondence passed between William Pitkin, secretary of the Eastern Association of Nurserymen, and James S. Whipple of the New York State Forest, Fish and Game Commission. Mr. Pitkin makes a strong argument in his letter while at the same time Mr. Whipple comes back and calls Mr. Pitkin's attention to the fact that the nurserymen have "overlooked a bet." That is they have failed to cater to a trade that, properly developed, would add many thousands of dollars to the right side of the tree grow-er's ledger. The letters follow:

Feb. 12, 1909. Hon. James S. Whipple, Commissioner, Albany, N. Y.: Dear Sir—The attention of this associa-

tion has been called to the fact that your commission is offering forest trees to the planters, and to be furnished by the state at cost prices.

It seems to us that this is an invasion on the part of the state on the nursery interests of the state, which are an important factor in its prosperity. We can see no reason why the state should go into the business of manufacturing trees and selling them at cost prices, any more than the manufacturing of boots and shoes, and clothing, and other articles of general use.

We think the nurseries of the state and the country thoroughly well able to supply the demand for trees and plants, and are entitled to a legitimate profit in handling the same, and should not be handicapped by competition of this character.

If our point of view is wrong, we should be glad to have you set us right, but we feel that we should protest vigorously against this new departure, which if allowed to go on unchecked, will probably result in the furnishing of fruit trees, ornamental shrubs, roses and other nursery products, without limit.

Yours truly, WM. PITKIN, Secretary Eastern Nurserymen's Association.

Wm. Pitkin. Feb. 20, 1909. Rochester, N. Y .:

Dear Sir-Your kind favor of February 12th received. Trees for commercial purposes are furnished the people of the state for lumber under an enactment of the legislature. It is done to encourage farmers to have their unproductive land planted and from the standpoint of public interest it is a necessary thing to do. My own contention was that they should be given free as we give fish for the restocking of our streams.

This is on the theory that you have not done much business with the raising of trees for lumbering purposes. My view of it is, that it is a necessity to plant great numbers of trees and the necessity is so great that nothing else can be considered. I do not think the people of the state will, in view of this necessity take any other view of it. On the other hand, I do not think you need worry a minute about the state furnishing fruit trees, shrubs, etc. That would be unreasonable and unneces-Very truly yours, J. S. WHIPPLE,

Commissioner.

Comment and Discussion

We print herewith a communication H. Lake of Henry Lake Sons Co., River Falls, Wis. The editor of from A. Black River Falls, Wis. The editor of American Fruits is in hearty accord with the views expressed by Mr. Lake and an extended editorial comment will be made in the April issue of this journal. The letter from Mr. Lake and the article to which he makes reference follows:

Editor AMERICAN FRUITS:

American Fruits for February just at hand. We note your comment on Mr. Simmons proposed bill, and other articles discussing proposed legislation in other Enclosed we hand you clipping taken from the Dakota Farmer published at Brookings, N. D. This is a paid advertisement of a Dakota nurseryman. Is it any wonder that the nursery business is in very bad repute when a member of the profession will spend his own money to publicly slander the business in a wicked, vicious manner? This party is not the only one in this part of the country doing this same class of work. These nursery-men rarely ever belong to any nurseryman's association; always belong to their state horticultural society and work their slander against the nursery business through their horticultural society, the farmers' institute and the horticultural columns of the farm press. They grow a few items of the nursery line and buy the cheapest grade of nursery stock they can find to fill the shortages of their few orders. In their home locality they all have an unenviable reputation as "jobbers" of nursery stock. They seem to think it is their duty to publicly slander the honest nurseryman who has spent years of his best life and his money to build up and equip a nursery plant with good office buildings, packing and costly storage house and train up skilled help at high wages. It requires years to build up such a plant. It requires first class land, skill and time to develop a nursery plant, with a full general line of nursery stock of all the different grades required and it is utterly impossible to do this at "Cheap John" prices which these parties advo-

Another serious damage to the nursery business is the custom of the large nurserymen sending their trade list to parks, cemeteries and private individuals. This cuts in ahead of the local retail nurseryman and causes him to do the same cutthroat business. Again many nurserymen will advertise and sell grafts to farmers. One farmer with 500 grafts will supply a whole neighborhood with trees gratis.

It occurs to the writer that the American Association should take up some of these matters and strive for correction of them. It could also maintain a publicity bureau and furnish the planter with much reliable information as to grades of nursery stock and what was a fair price for such, by publishing illustrated articles showing grades and also giving some in-formation with regard to cost of maintaining a first class nursery. Much could be done in this line to head off vicious legislation. This would be far better than to

do as the railroads did and let the people give it to them "in the neck.

Prices for nursery stock are altogether too low. The trade is kept out of financial disaster to-day on account of the enormous demand for stock which enables us to clean out every bit of surplus stock at some prices. We are all pushing off the surplus at cut prices to the planter and thoroughly demoralizing the business and when this demand begins to drop off many firms are going to be seriously crippled.

Yours truly, A. H. LAKE.

The article referred to follows:

It is estimated that not less than \$125,-000 are taken out of this state annually for worthless trees and at criminally high prices; and notwithstanding the work of the State Horticultural Society, this amount is increasing yearly with the increasing ability of the people to buy and

pay.

This is surely a great waste and works a great hardship in many individual cases and there should be a remedy.

I have been acting as a committee of the state society for more than a year to try and find and report a remedy; but have reported that I can find no remedial legislation that will stop or modify this without acting equally against legitimate interstate commerce except that there must be many individual cases that can be reached and punished through the courts.

The best practical remedy is for every planter to become a member of the state horticultural society. Send \$1 to Prof. Hensen of Brookings, the secretary, and become a member; get in touch with hor-ticulture and horticulturists and you are

Where you now throw away money labor and time on worthless or doubtful stock and at actual criminal prices, you will be instructed how to properly expend a few dollars and get satisfactory returns

in orchards, groves, fruits and flowers.
Go at it right. Give the "Tree Missionaries" the "go by" and, until you can find some better way, send to the (-----) Nur-sery for a catalogue. Do it now. It will help you when the enemy comes.

This is an advertisement and I am paying for it, but it is all true.

(Signed)

Fine White Strawberry

A white strawberry which will grow throughout the year and is superior to the common red strawberry, which survives but a few months, is the latest plant creation of Hugo Lilienthal, landscape gardener and horticulturist, of Berkeley, Cal., who is the chief organizer of juvenile horticultural societies in the bay cities.

According to Lilienthal, the new berry is capable of propagation in the depth of winter and is of perfect form and flavor and much more delectable than the red strawberry of the markets.

He declared that the berry may be planted in close rows, which interferes not at all with its productiveness. A small patch of the new strawberry, he said, will keep a small family supplied throughout the year.—"News," Griffing, Cal.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF NURSERYMEN

The Demand for Ornamental Stock

Paper Read by J. W. Schutte, St. Louis, Mo.

The demand for ornamental stock in the West is just beginning, every year shows an improvement. We can-as nurserymen increase this demand by furnishing stock to customers, which thrives well, and is well grown, so it will be a beauty to look upon always. Ornamental stock generally is sold in small lots, and every tree, shrub or plant should be a well grown specimen: the customer sees it every day, and if it pleases him he will "come back" and plant more, but if he is dissatisfied because you have furnished him a crooked, mis-shapen tree his taste to beautify his place is killed. and the future demand in that direction is stopped. Better grow 500 of an articlegrow it well—ask a reasonable price for it, than 5,000 "grown any old way" which you may be able to sell cheap. The cusyou may be able to sell cheap. The customer will gladly pay you a good price for

well grown specimen. We used to think years ago that if we got 50 cents for a shade tree it was a good price, for this same sized tree we now get \$1.50 and \$2.00, but we grow it better, straighter, dig it better, and throw the culls on the brush pile. It pays us.

Facts will bear me out that in our city we have many hedges of California Privet, and it is only of late years that they have been extensively planted. I remember, not ten years ago, we at that time considered our plant of about 2,000 cuttings of C. Privet "big pumpkins" we now would consider a plant 25 times as large just enough for the present demand on us, and there are others growing them in quantity here also. For the last three years the demand has exceeded the supply, and there will be none to throw on the brush pile this year.

The people of the West are not yet the consumers of ornamental stock that our eastern friends are, but they are "coming fast"; our sales in ornamentals show a decided gain every year.

In conclusion, the supply of well grown ornamental stock is short, there may be enough of the "grown any old way" kind, but don't sell it—burn it—and start over again. Grow choice specimens and choice varieties.

"Should Shipments of Nursery Stock Be Packed Wet or Dry to Escape Damage by Freezing "

Paper Read by Geo. H. Whiting, Yankton, S. D.

The subject assigned to me is one of considerable importance as well as one on which we do not quite agree. So far as I can inform myself it seems to be the opinion of some of our heaviest shippers of nursery stock that it is best to pack I have never made any extended experiments along this line, but from what experience I have had I will say pack dry. That is, I would use slightly moistened material around and in contact with the roots, placing a layer of absolutely dry chaff or shingle tow entirely around the contents of the box-using a strong tight box that has been thoroughly paper lined. This layer of dry packing should be at least three to six inches thick, this forms a good non-conductor of heat and cold.

The tight paper-lined box excludes the air, and with this combination well carried out, and then allowing the frost to be drawn from the contents before the box is opened by placing box in a frost-proof cellar and keeping them from the air; the temperature will change very slowly from warm to cold and from cold to warm, and practically no damage will be done. not the freezing of the roots that hurts them, it is the exposure to the air and light and the rapid drawing out of the frost. In short, it is the suddenness or rapidity of getting from one extreme to the other that works the injury. We all know from experience that little or no damage is done to the roots of hardy trees that are frozen and thawed out again in the ground, even though the frost penetrates to the extreme ends of the rootlets. We know, too, that if the ground is slightly covered with litter, although it is extremely thin, so that the frost is drawn slowly, that the damage is still less. The whole secret, in my opinion, lies in regulating the change so that it will be slow and moderate. Let it be gradual, so that the tiny fibers and wood-cells will not be ruptured or broken before they are allowed to assume their normal position. A gradual and slow change will allow them to do this, while a sudden or radical one will in all probability prove fatal.

A few years ago it was thought that if trees were frozen while in our storage cellars, that they were sure to be ruined. We now know that we can allow the contents of a cellar to freeze up solid without injury, if we keep it closed up tight and dark until the frost is completely drawn out before opening it, so as to have the change take place slowly and gradually.

Another point that is perhaps worthy of consideration, in comparatively dry stock the contraction and expansion is not so great, hence less injury occurs.

Outlook for Small Fruit. Plants

Paper Read by G. L. Holsinger, Rosedale, Kan. If our observations are correct there has been a considerable decrease in the supply of small fruit plants in the last four or five years. This conclusion is based on our limited knowledge of local conditions. We do comparatively little traveling in connection with our business, but from what we observe locally it seems more difficult to procure small fruit plants now than heretofore.

For the greater part of our plants we have depended on the commercial plantings near Kansas City and St. Joseph. Fortunately there are many large plantations near both of these distributing points from which it was formerly possible to secure large quantities of most of the varieties of small fruit plants.

The outlook at Kansas City is that the raspberry patches will supply about one-third of a normal yield of fairly good plants. Around St. Joseph we consider the crop a total failure.

Conditions generally on raspberry patches for plants or fruit are far from encouraging. There has not been the usual amount of planting lately there should have been if crops and prices had been satisfactory.

As a result the older patches have played out and have not enough plants to justify digging, while the young patches have few plants as a result of the drought of lact summer at tipping season.

The only really first class patch I know anything about is a small one of a couple of acres that was heavily mulched last

It is in the best condition of any berry patch I remember to have ever seen and every tip has rooted.

We note that each year there is an increased demand for raspberry transplants. I look with a degree of satisfaction on this change, for the transplants can be made to produce many new tips for the succeeding year in addition to the fact that tips have given such satisfactory results the last two or three years owing to late freezes.

We have been unable at our place to satisfactorily propagate gooseberries from hard wood cuttings, and have depended entirely on rooted layers for plants, and as planting has ceased, to a great extent, rooted layers are hard to find.

There is really little wonder at the rate at which they have increased in price, and my judgment is that they will go higher, though they seem to have about reached the limit at which most people will buy for commercial planting.

mercial planting. Blackberries are readily grown from root cuttings, but here the trouble arises again of being able to procure a large enough supply of roots free from rust and unmixed with other varieties. deeming feature of this practice is that ground once planted to root cuttings will produce each year thereafter for a period many very fine sucker plants, and as in common with raspberries and gooseberries the plants are hard to procure from old patches, it looks as if we must grow them

What is true of these fruits mentioned is largely true of currants and red rasp-berries. Poor returns for a number of seasons has discouraged the fruit growers. There is little planting being done, and it is well nigh impossible to get a goodly quality of either.

Small fruit conditions generally as they have come under my observation at this point seems to indicate that there is a slow general decrease in the production of both fruit and plants.

This coupled with the more rigid inspection laws has made it so that it is almost impossible to get people to dig the plants they have, for in Kansas under the new law no plants may be dug and sold unless passed upon by the state inspector, and the expense of the inspection is too great for any but the largest patches.

This inspection business, wise as it may be, and the increased trouble and expense incident thereto, indicates to me that hereafter as years go on, the greater part of the small fruit plants produced, will be grown, more and more by the nurseryman who offers them for sale.

When this becomes necessary, and it looks as if it would become necessary in the near future, the price on all kinds of small fruit plants will have to be, of necessity, considerably advanced.

TRANSPORTATION AND LEGISLATION

Transportation Report

Editor AMERICAN FRUITS:

Mr. Charles Sizemore, traffic manager for Stark Bros., Louisiana, Mo., and the writer were present and represented the American Association of Nurserymen at Western Classification Committee meeting, which convened at Mobile, Ala. January 13th. There were more than 500 items on the docket and as we were last on the list to appear before the committee, did not get a hearing until the afternoon of the 20th.

The item as it appeared on the docket was the "Revision of the Valuation of Nursery Stock."

A few days before starting for Mobile the writer sent out a circular letter to about twenty of the leading western nurserymen, asking them to send me at Mobile the weights and invoice value of all cars handled the past season, also a number of box shipments. The time being so very short only about a third of this number responded. However, I was able to make up a list of 450 cars and 200 boxes, showing that the average invoice value was only \$4.91 per 100 pounds. We therefore decided that the proper thing to do was to ask that the release clause and invoice value be eliminated from the classification and that nursery stock be allowed to sand third class L. C. L. and class B. C. L. We put in the eleven days from the

time we left St. Louis interviewing each member of the committee personally and found that more than three-fourths were in favor of granting our petition.

On January 23d we received telegrams stating that the committee had recommended the elimination of the valuation clause which virtually means that our proposition has carried and will likely be provided for in the next classification and will likely go into effect about April 1st, possibly March 1st.

This will mean that nursery stock will be shipped the same as other merchandise and in the case of loss or damage in transit nurserymen will be able to collect the actual invoice value. However, would advise nurserymen in presenting claims to keep them as low as practicable and as few as possible, as the number of claims in proportion to the volume of business had much to do with our being able to secure favorable action.

Southern Classification

This same topic will likely come up at the next meeting of the southern classification which meets at Mobile, March 8th.

Nursery stock being released in the southern territory at 3 cents per 100 lbs., which, according to the interstate com merce ruling, is not legal where released at less than invoice value. It is therefore important that the southern nurserymen decide on what changes they wish so that this matter can be properly presented to the committee.

W. C. REED,

Member of Transportation Committee. N. B.-Our chairman, Mr. F. H. Stannard, being busy in the Kansas legislature, asked the writer to take this matter up, hence the above report. W. C. R.

Should Keep Claims Low

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System.

Office of F. B. Houghton, Asst. Freight Traffic Manager Chicago, Ill., Jan. 30, 1909. Classification Nursery Stock.

Mr. Chas. Sizemore, T. M., Stark Bros. Nurseries & Orchards Co., Louisiana, Mo.:

My Dear Mr. Sizemore:

Think I am correct in saying that the committee is almost unanimously in favor of your proposition, namely, to eliminate reference to valuations and continue the lower ratings. It will be a matter of ten days or two weeks before the chairman will have the record complete, and before the official announcement can be made, but I have little or no doubt but what the proposition will carry.

I desire to aid your business, and in view of the clear manner in which you presented the complications ensuing from the fixing of an actual invoice value rating, caused them to reach the above conclusion, which I think is very favorable to the nursery shipping interests. I think your company and other large companies should show appreciation of this action by very careful scrutiny of claims presented for loss and damage in transit. I don't mean to infer that you have been unfair or unreasonable in the past, but in view of this action of the western roads, which is of great value to your company, I feel that you can afford to keep the claims down to the minimum, which you can do, I believe, as you sell delivered. Otherwise, if the carriers find from experience with this new classification, that the transportation risk is great, such belief may result in a proposition to advance the rating. Don't understand me as intending to assume a threatening attitude in the language I have used above. It is only my individual opinion, and said with the most friendly intentions.

I received the catalogues, also the box of apples, for which I thank you.

Yours truly, F. B. HOUGHTON.

Legislation

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1909.

Editor AMERICAN FRUITS:

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing summary of House Bill, No. 23,-767, and regret that I have not a copy of the bill to send you, but this summary cov-

ers the important points.

This bill was prepared and introduced by the officials of the Entomological Department at Washington, and without any

consultation with the representatives of the nursery interests.

We knew nothing of the matter until a few days ago, when we found that it had passed the House and had gone to the Senate, and had been favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and was in a fair way for passage by the Sen-Fortunately we were able to get the bill sent back to the Senate Committee for a hearing, and this hearing was given us on Wednesday of this week.

The main purpose of the bill was to provide for the examination, inspection and treatment when necessary of imported French seedlings at such ports of entry as might be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Our committee took the position that we welcomed all reasonable examination and inspection, but that we felt that this examination should take place at the final destination, and in the warehouses or storage houses of the owner, as it is done in New York and other states, and argued that if the states could so handle it, there was no reason why the department at Washington could not do so.

We were accorded every opportunity to present our views by Senator Long of Kansas, chairman of the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and by Mr. Scott of Kansas, chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, and we also had an extended interview with Dr. Howard and other officials of his depart-

Finally, at the suggestion of Representative Scott, it was agreed that the present bill should be held up for this session, and that before the next session of Congress the representatives of the nursery interests and the officials of the Department of Agriculture would get together and endeavor in good faith to prepare a bill for introduction next winter.

This we regarded as a very happy solu-tion of the present question, and nothing will be done with the bill at this session, and this legislative committee, or a committee that may be appointed at the June convention, will no doubt take the matter up with the department at Washington and endeavor to formulate a bill that will be satisfactory all around.

The members of the legislative committee who were in Washington besides myself were Irving Rouse of Rochester, N. Y James M. Pitkin of Newark, N. Y., J. H. Dayton of Painesville, O., Thomas R. Meehan of Dresher, Pa., Abner Hoopes of West Chester, Pa. and William H. Moon of Morrisville, Pa.

Yours truly,

WM. PITKIN,

Chairman of Legislative Committee.

Section 1. All imported nursery stock shall be subject to inspection by experts of the Department of Agriculture at such ports of entry as shall be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The secretary may dispense with such inspection if stock is accompanied by a satisfactory certificate. factory certificate.

Sec. 2. Unlawful to offer for entry any stock without proper certificate. Any stock offered without certificate shall be held in quarantine.

Sec. 3. Transportation companies shall notify official expert of arrival within 24 hours and hold for examination. Expert may enter any warehouse or depot for inspection.

Sec. 4. Every case must be marked with the ame of consignor and consignee and country and district where grown.

Sec. 5. Any imported nursery stock found infested or suspected of infestation, shall be dis-infected at expense of owner. After disinfec-tion shall be detained in quarantine for necessary time to determine result of disinfection.

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If disinfection is complete stock shall be released. If not practicable to fully disinfect, stock shall be denied entry or destroyed at option of owner.

Sec. 6. Any stock infested with a new disease or pest shall be denied entry and returned to consignor or destroyed at option of owner.

Sec. 7. Infested foreign districts may be shut out entirely until satisfactorily cleaned up.

Sec. 3. Any stock grown in United States for interstate commerce, on complaint or suspicion of being infested with diseases new to the United States, shall be inspected, and if need be quarantined. Inspection to be made prior to November 1st, and if clear a certificate to be issued.

Sec. 9. Unlawful to ship stock under quarantine or violate act. Penalty, \$200 to \$500 fine, or one year of imprisonment, or both.

Sec. 10. Rules to be promulgated before July 1st each year.

Sec. 11. Appropriates \$25,000.

Sec. 12. Act effective June 30, 1909.

Sec. 13. Act shall not prevent state inspec-

Miami Valley Nurserymen

The Miami Valley Nurserymen's Association held its annual banquet at the Phillips House, Dayton, O., February 18, 1909, at which covers were laid for thirty-eight. The banquet was preceded by a business meeting at which T. J. Dinsmore of Troy, was elected president, W. F. Bohlender of Tippecanoe City, was elected vice-president, and W. N. Scarff of New Carlisle, was elected secretary and treasurer. The executive committee consists of M. A. Gaines, M. F. Barnes, J. W. McNary and the officers.

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The banquet hall when thrown open presented a sight of most exquisite beauty, the floral decorations being lavish, and the music, which began as the doors were opened, was most inspiring. The dinner was such as only the Phillips House serves and by the time the last course was served everyone had that satisfied feeling that prepared them to receive enthusiastically the speeches of the evening. State Inspector Shaw was present as guest of the occasion and some amusement was aroused when the peas were served with a burlesque certificate attached to each case.

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Mr. Frank Freeman of Phoneton, was the toastmaster, and the speakers of the evening were J. W. McNary of Dayton, and Mr. Broomhall, a prominent attorney of Troy, O. Mrs. Dinsmore, wife of the president, entertained the company with a recitation that was highly entered.

Ask the Nurseryman

Before purchasing fruit trees ask the leading nurserymen for their catalogues. Most of these contain information of great value. If you are in doubt as to the varieties best adapted to your section, ask a reliable nurseryman, and then follow his advice. He will not mislead you, for it is not to his advantage to do so. Nurserymen with established reputations prefer to miss a sale rather than sell trees that will not prove satisfactory because they are not adapted to the section in which they are to be planted. Most fruit trees have their belts, depending on soil characteristics, rainfall, latitude, altitude, winter temperature and summer heat. All these must be studied, and the planting of trees for results must be governed accordingly. First comes To plant trees is expensive. the cost of the trees, but a small part. use of the land, the cultivation till they are in bearing, and then the care that must be given them. The tree planter can not afford to be disappointed. There is no need for him to be if he will but study his subject thoroughly by the aid of the experienced tree planter, like the nurseryman, who is always ready to render any help he can. Ask your nurseryman about the trees.—"Southern Homes and Orchards."

Change in Business

A recent issue of the Colborne, Ont., Express contains a one column description of the Chase Brothers Company, Limited, of Ontario, Canada. The growth of the company is sketched from its establishment in 1857 to date, mention being made of the incorporation in 1898. The officers of the company are: President, James McGlennon, and J. Austin Shaw McGlennon, secretary and treasurer. Others associated with the company are Mrs. James McGlennon, Archibald C. McGlennon, W. Wallace D. McGlennon and Captain James Shaw. In conclusion the article reads: "James

McGlennon possesses a comprehensive knowledge of the nursery and seed busi-ness. He has been connected with the business of which he is now the head and guiding power for nearly forty years. The details of its management in Canada have been under his immediate supervision for nearly thirty years, the first ten years of his connection with the company being as a canvassing salesman on the road, and since that time he has worked through every department of the business, spending every shipping season on the packing yard, supervising the packing and shipping of the goods to the thousands and thousands of customers in all parts of the Dominion. He has worked from the ground up, as it were, and is yet able to tell the hustlers of the sales force just how the important work of selling is to be handled. His motto for the salesmen who are at present connected with 'the old re-liable' is: 'Be true to yourself, be true to your employer, but before all be true to your customer."

Mr. McGlennon is the father of James S. McGlennon of McGlennon & Kirby, and Thomas McGlennon of G. A. Costich Co. of Rochester, N. Y.

George Brothers

The firm of George Brothers of Penfield, N. Y., has been dissolved so far as the future growing of stock is concerned. All stock now in the field will be marketed in the firm name and all orders for two-year-old stock should be addressed to the firm of George Brothers.

E. McMicken of Fannette, Tex., has received a shipment of 10,000 orange trees from Japan.

Chicago, Ill.—A 235-acre municipal nursery to supply trees and shrubs to the various Chicago parks has been proposed by Jens Jensen of the West Side Park.

Kennewick, Wash.—As one of the results of the National Apple Show, with reference to the Columbia river valley, a big real estate deal has been closed, the United Industries Company of Chicago, buying a section of raw sagebrush land from the Richland Land Company for \$71,000. The tract contains 640 acres and will be planted to fruit trees.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—William Buckley, deputy fruit inspector, has shipped 5.000 scions to Iowa of the Idaho Winter Nellis, to be used in grafting. He had a call for 500,000 scions of the Rome Beauty, Jonathan and Wagner apples. He reports that the latter he was unable to supply and that the demand for these trees can not be supplied in this locality.

Washington apple growers are said to favor Grimes Golden, Delicious and Winter banana varieties for planting in that state.

Ninety-three thousand dollars is the price paid for an orchard containing more than 400 acres in the San Fernando Valley, California.

Reports state that the apple industry of Illinois is going to ruin. Nurserymen and others interested are to take measures to prevent such a deplorable state of affairs.

It is reported that W. L. Cukerski will start a nursery at Grand Rapids, Mich., after he retires from the office of parks superintendent.

The Snake Valley Fruit Company of Twin Falls, Idaho, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000. Incorporators: R. L. Foote, B. L. Voorhies and John W. Voorhies.

John W. Gates, Port Arthur, Tex., has purchased 4,000 eucalyptus trees for planting and distribution near that city. He has also purchased 300 acres of land which will be planted to orange trees and other fruits.

J. H. Norton was arrested in Southern Illinois for sending in bogus orders to his employers, the Great Northern Nursery Company of Baraboo, Wis., and thereby obtaining money by false pretenses. The warrant was sworn to by M. F. Foley, president of the nursery company.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—A petition is being circulated and extensively signed, to be presented to the state legislature, asking that body to increase the state appropriation for fruit inspection and needed enactments which will cause railways shipping fruit trees into the state to hold them a reasonable time for inspection, and that no fruit tree be delivered without the certificate of inspection from the state inspector or his deputy. About 200 names were attached to the petition to-day. It is claimed this legislation will prohibit fruit trees infected with pests from entering the state, and is claimed to be asked by the fruit growers and nurserymen of Idaho.

Buchanan, Mich.—There are many delicious peaches raised in Michigan and in the famous Berrien county fruit belt, but it has been left to William Blake of Buchanan, to originate a variety "that beats the beaters." Mr. Blake commenced 20 years ago to experiment in an effort to improve existing varieties. Several years ago he succeeded in getting something on the market, in that its flavor was fine, size was good and its fruit ready for the market the latter part of July. Another feature of the new peach is that it bears early, some specimens having a crop of fruit the second year from the planting of the pits, and in some cases there has been fruit on them the first year.

A Profitable Side Line

J. WILKINSON ELLIOTT, says he wishes all of his customers were readers of The Garden Magazine because it is the most helpful and informing publication ever issued for amateur gardeners—and therefore helps his business and that of every other nurseryman. Ask your customers to subscribe. They will thank you. Liberal commissions. Write for agents' rates and samples. Doubleday, Page & Company, New York City.

Notice!

THE Monthy Directory plan whereby we gave AMERICAN FRUITS one year and a two line insertion in each issue up to and including this issue terminates with this number. In place of monthly directory we shall run a page or more of half-inch advertisements. These will cost you \$5 a year, \$2.50 to be paid on first insertion and \$2.50 at the end of six months. Here is a sample:

Lewis Roesch & Son, 57 Berry Street, Fredonia—Standard and dwarf fruit trees, small fruits, strawberry plants, ornamen-tals, shade trees. Issues catalog. No agents. Deal, grow, wholesale and retail Grape Vines.

Nurservmen

Fraser Nursery Co., Huntsville-Cherry, each, plum.

Huntsville Wholesale Nurseries, Huntsville-General line. Homer N. Sneed, Pronto—Pomegranates, gs and mulberries.

Arkansas

Springdale Nurseries, P. O. Box 123, Springdale—General line fruit and orna-mentals. James A. Bauer, Judsonia-Choice straw-berry plants. Wholesale and retail.

R. A. Smith Sr., Box 38, Safford—General nursery stock.

California

Wagner's Nursery, Pasadena—Burbank's conderful winter rhubarb.

Wilson's Fresno Nursery, Fresno — Fruit trees and grape vines.

Fresno Nursery Co., Fresno - General line of nursery stock. Fancher Creek Nurseries, Fresno - Bur-bank creations.

Emery Albertson, 835 Elm Avenue, Long each—Citrus Fruits.

Colorado

J. W. Dillon, Greeley-General Nursery stock.

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HERE'S what we had on hand February 20th. The stuff sold rapidly and during the eight weeks, trees of all leading sorts have been nearly cleaned out in the larger sizes and stock of smaller sizes has been considerably reduced. ¶ Take Belle of Georgia Peaches for instance—middle of December we had 22,000, today we have 15,000, two-thirds of which are of the smallest sizes. Ben Davis Apples were reduced from 8,000 to 4,000 during the same period and orders for hundreds of thousands of Strawberry plants have been booked. ¶ If stocks were going like that during December and January (the dull season), how fast will they go when spring opens? Better send your answer in form of an order!

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Belle of Georgia	400	1890	1860	1400	3560	3610		Canada Red	_	_	_	230	_
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Crawford Early	_	-	-		800	760		Duchess Early Harvest	_	300	200 300	1500	710
Carman	1100	3000	500	_	_	2000		Flora Belle		70	130	100	_
Connett's So, Early	30	140	120	30	30	-	-	Grimes' Golden	1500	3000	1000	300	1000
Crawford Late Crosby	100	4680 200	10000 260	400	1000 570	8000 550	8000 300	Gravenstein	-		50	200	_
Chair's Choice	100	500	200	100	310	120	100	Golden Beauty Lankford Seedling	350	350	450 100	110 20	=
Elberta	100	100		100	500	6000	7000	Longfield	_	_	30	80	_
Engle Mammoth	140	330	270	300	200	1320	675	M. B. Twig	1100	1000	_	_	_
Fox Seedling Frances	10	30	500	550	2000 800	500 540	1500 225	Nero	_	300	800	1500	_
Greensboro	_	_	300	-	1300	1000	700	Paradise W. S. Roman Stem	_	_	50 50	50 . 100	_
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Kalamazoo	220 60	$\frac{600}{250}$	630 900	270 550	150 740	320 690	50	Stayman's Winesap	_	_	500	2200	2100
Mayflower Mamie Ross	30	340	290	190	80	160	250	Sweet Bough	_	_	500	100 220	_
Mt. Rose	_	400	_	_	800	1800	850	Stark Salome	_	20	50	160	_
Moore's Favorite	90	860	1000	1000	1000	600	225	Transcendent	_	20	500	400	_
Oldmixon	-	300	2000	300	1000	1500	070	Virginia Beauty	_	-	_	220	_
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